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Dear Paul,

Having finished the reading and correcting of all but one of the many affidavit's I've had to prepare in the 'ing case I decided to do one of the summaries for which I had not had time. This is because of the possibility of Abby Mann's stealing ti for NBC. The machinery for this is obvious and what my NBC friend told me forecasts it.

I had always had this suspicion. I did the investigating of 1974. Jim participated in some. Because Livingston, then co-counsel, knew and had to be consulted it is certain that when he stabbed working with Hagan he told Haganwhat he recalled. And Hagan has been working with the ripoff artists in Hollywood.

I've done this in haste, partly because I want to get back to the longest of these affidavits, maybe 20,000 works, so I can correct and cut it and partly because of an edginess I'll explain, to get it done. Because of this edginess, please read critically. This summary, again, if off the top of the head.

By the way, my interview with dumdum lawyers was on tape. He loaned me his machine, better than mine, to do it with. Even provided the cassette.

And this is literal truth, non-fiction except for the precipitating of the heart attack. That has to be conjectural. I've oversimplified for economy of space.

This is a holiday weekend so my doctors are not available. Beginning yesterday morning I had minor but persisting discomforts in the area just below the rib-cage. At first I thought it is what is rare with me, a digestive complaint. However, this morning Lil noticed that all the superficial bloodvessels in the arm are red and quite visible. So, I'm going to be sure and go to the emergency room of the local hospital.

When I saw the vascular surgeon a week ago today he gave me a good report.

However, I want to be safe and sure.

After rereading what I've written in response to all these affidavits - the remaining one relates to my being an "expert" or an "authority" or Ray's investigator, issues DJ raised - I'm satisfied that if Jim had been here and I could have worked under his guidance the result could have been more ruinous than I believe this stuff is. To DJ, that is.

There are letters I wanted to get into the mail today. I had planned to go a little extra when we have dinner with local friends later. However, I go past a box from which there is holiday delivery. So Lil is completing a hurried typing of what I wrote and I'll mail all then. I hope it is clear enough and otherwise adequate.

By delaying a few minutes now I can save several miles of driving later. I do not expect to be hospitalized. I merely want to play it safe.

Hope you are having a good holiday weekend.

Thanks and best,